

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1662 – HB 1687

April 2, 2014

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits as a defense to bribery of a public servant that the person who sought to influence the public official took action on behalf of a public or private organization, corporation, union, agency, or other entity, for the purpose of organizing a campaign or for any other lawful purpose.

Broadens the offense of extortion to include using coercion upon another person with the intent to impair a business, a union, or the owners or employees of a business from the free exercise or enjoyment of any constitutional right for the purpose of obtaining something of value.

Redefines “riot” under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-301 to mean a disturbance involving an assemblage of three or more people “whether or not participating in any otherwise lawful activity, such as a union or employee organized event”.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015725): Deletes all language after the enacting clause.

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Broadens the offense of extortion to include using coercion upon another person with the intent to impair any entity from the free exercise or enjoyment of any constitutional right for the purpose of obtaining something of value.

Redefines “riot” under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-301 to mean a disturbance involving an assemblage of three or more people “whether or not participating in any otherwise lawful activity”.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

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Assumption for the bill as amended:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the District Attorneys General Conference, and the District Public Defenders Conference, the proposed legislation will not significantly impact their caseloads.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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